

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the appeal filed 8-15-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 16-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The examiner considered the Applicant's Appeal Brief filed on 8-15-2005, and after reconsideration and updated search, the claims are believed to overcome the prior art of record and are deemed allowable.
4. Independent claims 1, 10, 12, and 16 when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record.
5. With regard to claims 1, 10, 12, and 16, Richards teaches, in column 1, line 60 through column 4, line 48, a system for displaying help information where upon selection of an item from a list relating to one or more tasks, a help text screen is displayed in a separate window. Richards further teaches, in column 3, lines 17-28, column 9, lines 1-10, 11-24, and in figures 9 and 10, a system of keys linking the initial screen (Help Index Table) with the resultant help display (Help Text Table), each key in the initial screen having a corresponding key associated with it in the resultant help display. Richards further teaches, in column 2, lines 14-23, column 3, lines 17-28, column 9, lines 1-10, and in figures 9 and 10, upon selection of a first item a group of keys are used to link it to its corresponding subset of information which is to be provided in it's own panel. Richards further teaches, in column 10, lines 36-52, a branching from Help Text words in to destination text, where selection of such a word with a pointer cause the key to the current help text to be applied with the selected word to a Help Text Branch table, where for each selectable word the Help Text Branch table contains a Destination Key which is the key to Corresponding Help Test in the Help Text Table.

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However, Richards doesn't each intermediately keys paired together for the used in the linking of end components, specifically the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitation of "providing a plurality of key pairs, each of the key pairs comprising a first key and a second key, each of the first keys pointing to one of the name keys and each of the second keys pointing to one of the string keys, such that the name value associated with the pointed-to name key is thus associated with the string value associated with the pointed-to string key".

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G. Bonshock whose telephone number is (571) 272-4047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.


8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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